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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Ohta et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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